

## SWANSEA CITY SUPPORTERS TRUST

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 16h00 BST – STADIUM / MS Teams videoconference.

<b>Present:</b>	
Ceri Stone (CS)	Carys Ingram (CI) - video
Howard Corder (HC) - video	Nick Phillips (NP)
Sian Davies (SD)	Howell Williams (HW)
Chris Golledge (CG)	Roger Goodwin - video
Terry Sinnett (TS)	Dave Dalton (DD)
Rupert Thomas (RT) - video	Paul Barrett (PB - Secretary)
<b>Apologies:</b>	
Adam Lewis (AL)	

#### Helen Elton (Presentation on the Swans Foundation)

1. Helen gave 30 minute PowerPoint presentation of the role of the Swans Foundation within the club.
2. The Foundation is a separate entity from the club itself, and has a separate constitution and finances, governed by company law with nominated trustees.
3. A couple of interfaces and possible synergies with the Trust's activities were identified (eg Schools), and these will be followed up with the relevant sub-groups.

#### Supporter's Director update

4. TS advised that he had a planned meeting with Julian Winter on Weds 6<sup>th</sup> October. SD will also attend.
5. **POD:** TS advised that he'd received two quotes from local companies for new signage, they will be invited to view the POD soon. It is proposed to add a 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo, web address and "Why join the Trust" sticker. We need to create a QR code for rapid access to the Trust Membership page on the website.
6. NL asked TS to ask the club how many active contracts the club holds with gambling companies. Bolton Wanderers are "gambling free".

#### Membership and Fundraising

7. The monthly Prize Draw has been done.
8. We need a small cash box to be held at the POD to manage the float for membership renewals paid in cash. HW advised that he has one we can use.

#### Website Update

9. AL met with a few companies about the website redevelopment so far and have some ideas and quotes from them.
10. After speaking to the companies, it became a bit more clear that we probably do want a professional firm to do this rather than a student given the time commitments - I think we need a proper project plan to deliver this work and I'm not sure a student in the middle of a semester could give us what we need. We may however be able to work with them in an ongoing IT support and updates approach.
11. Majestic Media will be severing their arrangement with the Trust. A new IT provider will be announced shortly.

#### Finance

12. HW advised that he's been in contact with SMCD, however, HW needs the access information to our accounts (see Action #1).

## **Inclusivity**

13. CI advised that a Supporter Equality Diversity and Inclusion working group meeting was to be held on Friday 8th October, and she would attend on behalf of Proud Swans. SD will attend on the Trust's behalf.
14. Swansea Pride merchandise will be available for purchase from the club shop on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October.
15. NP advised that the club have invited Paul Merson to the club to talk about addictions. NP will attend.

## **Schools**

16. Media coverage on the situation in schools regarding Covid infection rates and consequent restrictions is evolving daily, often in different directions according to which schools/areas you are looking at. Against that background it is merely a matter for us to maintain contact with our schools until the mist clears. However, in the meantime it is important that we finalise what we can offer schools in terms of an experience under the present conditions.
17. Terry and Roger are going to discuss just what we would like from the club in terms of access to rooms, tours, and the services of ambassadors so that he is in a position to go some way to establishing what their position on these matters might be in the present climate.
18. We have been contacted by Queen Elizabeth High School, Carmarthen about the possibility of it being involved in our Baccalaureate Challenge. They appear to have spotted it on the WJEC website. It would be good if that did come to something as it would be only the second school involved in Carmarthenshire.

## **Trust Charities 2021/22**

19. DD proposed that the Charities Subgroup should be comprised of Sian, Nick and Carys. Their remit ahead of the next BM is to determine two charities the Trust can aid for the 2021/22 season
20. DD advised that current charity donations are to promote grass roots football in the area; viz, Swansea Junior League, and Swansea Schools FA. We are going to continue with this arrangement for the coming season. We will invite representatives of each organisation to visit us at our next meeting to outline what they do with our donations, and to investigate how they can encourage Trust members from their organisations and do more to promote the Trust. It was suggested that SSFA is invited to meet the Trust, as well as the representative from the SJL. TS to arrange for the November meeting
21. For future donations from the Trust, organisations should pitch their proposals to the Trust (subgroup). Part of these agreements should involve subscriptions for Trust membership.
22. CI proposed that we could use the POD as a drop off point for certain initiatives (eg Give a Jack a Jacket).
23. NP will liaise with the club / Foundation on Christmas Hampers.
24. CS will liaise with the Foundation for the William Waites Memorial Trust to pitch for funds.

## **AOB**

25. DD reminded everyone of the Trust Online Training on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October, and the Club's Fans Forum on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm.

## **Paul Karabardak (Introduction to Swans Season Ticket Holder and Olympic Medalist)**

26. Paul and his mother Helen were introduced to the TB. Paul won silver and bronze medals at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics for his Table Tennis performances.
27. Paul answered several questions from the BMs on his achievements, training regime and time dedicated to his sport. He was recently presented to the fans at the Huddersfield game, and was the subject of Lee Trundle's recent podcast.
28. Paul was asked of his familiarity with the Trust, and TS then asked him if he would accept the role as the Swans Trust Ambassador, which he willingly accepted with great humility. The role has yet to be formally defined, however, Paul is active on SM, and has agreed to support and influence some of the Trust initiatives as and when they develop. Paul has also been awarded Life Membership of the Trust.

**The next Trust Board meeting will be in Stadium on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.**